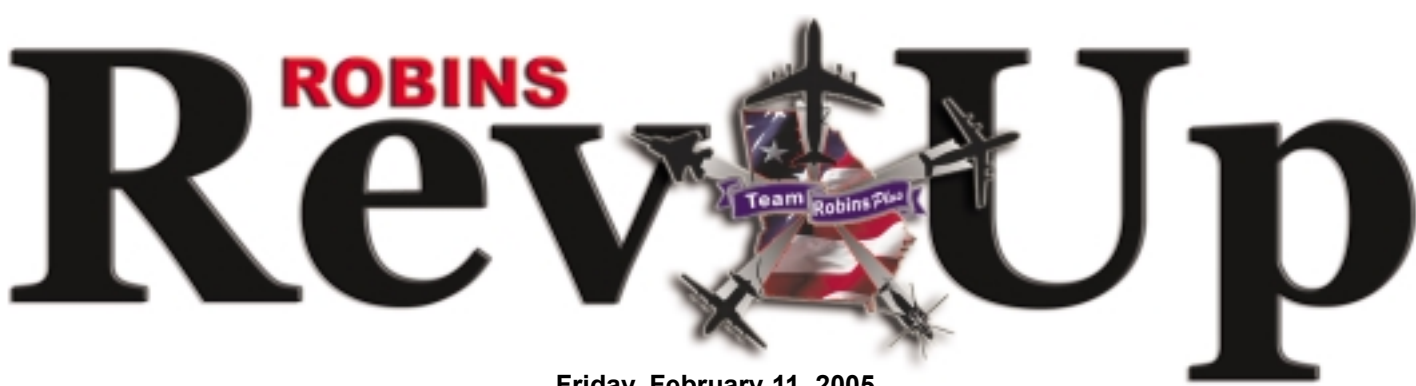




Military Appreciation Night
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News you can use

ALC annual awards luncheon set for Feb. 22

The ALC annual awards luncheon will be at 11 a.m. Feb. 22 at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight hangar. The meal will include boneless chicken breast with sherry mushroom sauce, oven roasted red bliss potatoes, California mixed vegetables, tossed salad, rolls and tea or coffee. Cost for club members is \$10, non-members \$11. To purchase a ticket, see your first sergeant or flight superintendent. Dress for military members will be uniform of the day and for civilians, business casual.

— From staff reports

Security Forces Squadron to ticket illegal parkers

The 78th Security Forces Squadron has a message for those parking illegally across from Gate 31: Keep off the grass. The squadron this week began ticketing vehicles parked on the grass across from the gate, and ticketing will continue. Gate 31 is next to the overhead crosswalk leading to the Robins flight line between Buildings 125 and 83. Security Forces reported Col. Greg Patterson, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, has made a temporary exception to the "no grass" rule for another area — the section between hangars 50 and 56 along Perimeter Road. Drivers may park on the grass along the road, which is near the new paint/depaint facilities under construction. Permission will extend until a new temporary parking lot is completed in the area, security forces said.

— Chrissy Zdrakas

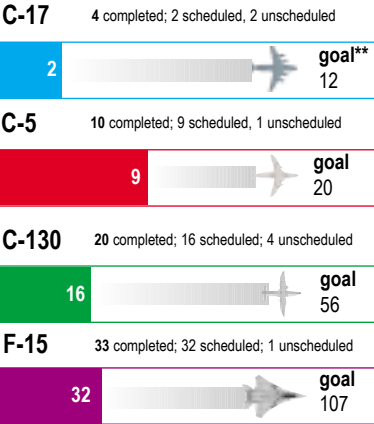
Reminder: Gates 1, 5 close 30 minutes earlier

The Green Street and 5th Street gates close 30 minutes earlier due to loss of manpower from the recent deactivation of Army National Guard personnel. The gates used to close at 6:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. However, recent traffic studies show that other gates can easily support the additional traffic.

— From staff reports

Aircraft Maintenance Output

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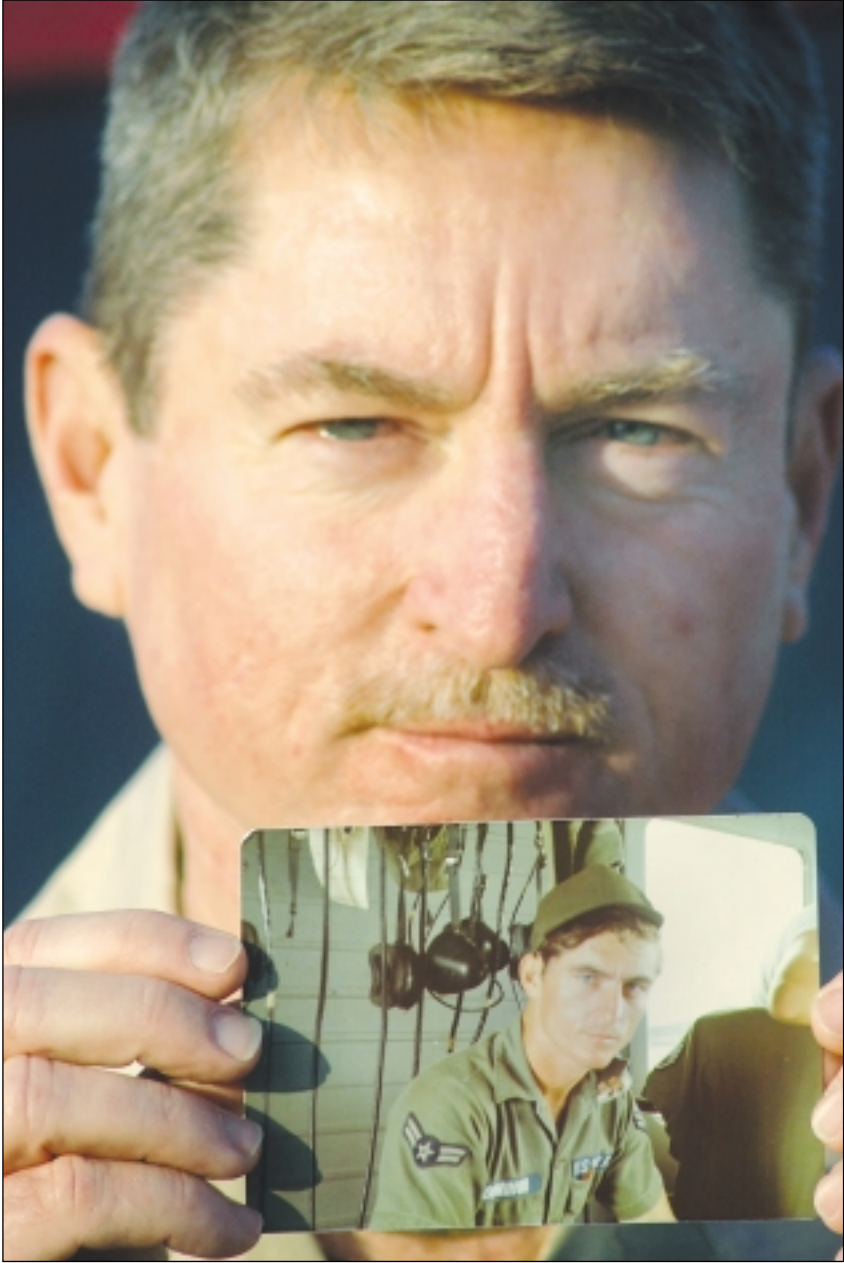
**Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don't count toward fiscal year goals.
Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, WR-ALC/MAWWB
U.S. Air Force graphic by Angela Trunzo

a story of **perseverance**

From Operation LineBacker II to Operation Enduring Freedom Reservist's career comes full circle

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When Master Sgt. Joel Donihoo received his first deployment orders he was a kid fresh out of technical school and brand new to Robins. He was young, he was scared and he was about to embark on a journey that would change the rest of his life. Today, that kid is a grown man who doesn't fear deployments anymore — he volunteers for them. Jan. 27 Sergeant Donihoo, an Individual Mobilization Augmentee with the 19th Air Refueling Group, traveled more than 10,000 miles on his first deployment since Vietnam. No, he isn't just lucky on the draw, he has quite a story to tell. It was December 1972 and the young Airman stepped onto Robins headed for the unit he would call home. That home was the then 19th Bomb Wing. At the time the entire wing was deployed in support of the Vietnam War and there were no aircraft to be seen. Within weeks Airman Donihoo was among his wing mates at Utapao Airfield Thailand. For the next 179 days he served as a B-52D assistant crew chief. "That was my title, but what I was, was a lost kid," he said. "I went in as the lowest skill level there is. I was a level three and nobody deploys a three level." From December until June 1973 he learned his job amid the turmoil of war. One lesson happened during Operation LineBacker II — at the time the largest and most concentrated bombardment by the Air Force since World War II.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Master Sgt. Joel Donihoo holds a photograph of himself in Guam in 1973. The sergeant recently deployed to a forward operating location with the 19th Air Refueling Group.

"We flew 741 missions in 11 days," he said. "That battle is now mandatory study material for those in Officer Training School." Though students now read about it, he lived it. He saw the carnage at times even helping to drag dead

What to know

Thirty-two members of the 19th Air Refueling Group deployed to a forward operating location where their mission will be to launch aircraft in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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New wings to stand up early March

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Editor's Note: Kathleen A.K. Lopez, Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs, contributed to this article.

Robins will gain three new wings in March as Air Force Materiel Command restructures its air logistics centers to provide better support to the war fighter. Organizationally, the Center will include the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, the 402nd Maintenance Wing and the current 78th Air Base Wing. The change will incorporate a specialized mission wing structure with subordinate groups and squadrons - a part of an ongoing effort to more closely align AFMC with other Air Force major commands and make AFMC units look more like the rest of the Air Force. According to Charlie O'Hara, Personnel Directorate manpower analyst, it will also help combine the products and services the Centers provides. "There was a feeling that (the ALCs were) too product-focused in our organizational structure," Mr. O'Hara said. "We needed to realign so that we could provide capabilities to the Air Force with integrated products. By realigning in a capabilities-based organization,

What to know

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will officially stand up three new wings during a 10 a.m. ceremony March 4, at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

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Base commander sends message of pride at first commander's call

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Col. Greg Patterson brought a message that stressed the importance of people to more than 2,500 78th Air Base Wing Airmen and civilians at his commander's calls at the Base Theater Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The commander said he is extremely proud of the hard work those in the 78th ABW have done during the last year. "You are the hardest working people I've seen in 23 years," he said. "I'm not just saying that as because I'm your commander. I'm saying that because it comes from the heart." Colonel Patterson praised the wing's strong support of the 39 units it serves. "Your job as a support wing is to support every one of (these units) and you do a super job at it," he said. "I appreciate the time you spend on your mission."



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, speaks at the commander's call Wednesday at the Base Theater.

While mission needs should be a major priority, Colonel Patterson said taking care of Robins' people and their families is just as important, emphasizing the value of using military and civilian

Please see **CALL, 2A**

DoD submits proposed NSPS regulations to federal register

National Security Personnel System Program Executive Office

Today, the Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management have submitted the proposed regulations for the National Security Personnel System for publication in the Federal Register. The proposal offers rules and processes for a new human resources system for DoD civilian employees regarding pay and classification, performance management, hiring, work force shaping, disciplinary matters, appeals procedures, and labor-management relations. For most Robins civil service employees, the major portions of NSPS are scheduled for implementation in the summer of 2006. However, the new NSPS Labor Relations system is scheduled to be implemented across the Defense

Department in the summer of 2005, according to Dale Foster, Chief 78th Civilian Personnel Flight, here. NSPS was signed into law on Nov. 24, 2003, and for the past year DoD and OPM officials have been working to design a modernized, performance-based civilian personnel system. NSPS will improve the way DoD hires, assigns, compensates and

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Online mentorship program is on the way

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While the idea of mentorship has been around for ages, a new Web-based tool headed to Robins is taking the notion of "each one, teach one" to a whole new level. The new Mission Driven Mentoring, or MDM, program, which will allow people seeking mentorship to choose from an online pool



of qualified mentors from across Air Force Materiel Command, will soon be available to command military and government civilian employees. Bryan Teel, Center MDM administrator, said the Web-based tool is an Air Force

first, but is also unique because it provides a much wider reach than conventional mentorship programs and links people with mentors on the basis of experience and career goals.

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Robins 3-day forecast
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today
Mostly to partly cloudy

53/27

Saturday
Partly cloudy

63/33

Sunday
Partly cloudy with chance of afternoon rain

65/42

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Master Sgt. Joel Donihoo loads bags before his deployment Jan. 27. On the civilian side he works as a C-130 production section chief and with the 19th ARG he is a maintenance production superintendent.

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crew members from their seats. Luckily he made it home safe, and on Oct. 9, 1973 the aircraft were returned to Robins and he began his ‘normal’ military duties.

The sergeant spent a total of nine years on active duty, but decided to separate from the Air Force in 1981.

“I left for all the wrong reasons,” he said. “I thought the grass was greener on the other side. No ORIs, no uniforms and no deployments.”

He officially entered the civilian work force as a C-130 weapons system mechanic in October 1980. After nine years as a wage grade employee working on C-130s, he moved to the F-15s where he worked as a supervisor.

While there the 116th Bomb Wing, a National Guard unit, made its arrival at Robins.

“At first I wasn’t interested in becoming a part of the Air Guard,” he said. “But, the more I thought about it, the more I realized that I missed the uniform.”

So, after 14 years as a civilian he set out to see a recruiter. A bit past his prime, he was not exactly what the Guard was looking for.

“The recruiter told me that they weren’t looking for a 43 year-old staff sergeant and he told me that to join I would have to start over from scratch,” he said.

That meant taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and physical endurance tests. After getting an outstanding score on the test he was welcomed aboard as a ground support member for the B-1 Bombers in the 116th.

But, the story doesn’t end there. Three and a half years later he learned about an IMA position opening with the 19th Air Refueling Group. IMAs are Reservists who serve part-time in active duty units. Known as “Citizen Airmen,” these reservists are assigned to every major command and usually backfill

their active duty counterparts but often deploy to support worldwide missions.

“I had a yearning to come back to this side of the fence,” he said. “I wanted to rejoin the unit I grew up in.”

After visiting his recruiter and being assigned to 19th, he was promoted to Technical Sergeant within three months and two years later to Master Sergeant.

With a career spanning 32 years in aircraft maintenance, the Waycross, Ga., native now serves dual duty. On the civilian side he works as a C-130 production section chief and with the 19th ARG he is a maintenance production superintendent.

Although he has a pretty impressive history, Sergeant Donihoo urges others not to follow the same path he did.

“Don’t go the road I’ve gone,” he said. “Don’t take a fourteen year break in service. If you’re active duty; stay on. And, if you’re a Reservist stay until you get your retirement. I missed the military because of the camaraderie. That’s not shared in other jobs.”

Facing this most recent deployment as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the team instead of the lowest ranking Airman he has a very different outlook than in 1972.

“We’re going over there, and we’re going to have a good time,” he said. “I’m taking 32 guys over there and I am bringing 32 back. It’s about freedom. It’s about the children, and no terrorist organization is going to challenge their freedom.”

The husband, father and grandfather said he’s leaving a comfortable home for life in a tent, but it’s worth it.

“This time I’m going over to make a difference, not to learn,” he said.

Capt. Christopher May, maintenance operations officer, said he is proud of the work Sergeant Donihoo has done and the heritage he brings.

“Master Sergeant Donihoo as well as the other 21 IMAs is a great asset to the Black Knight community.”

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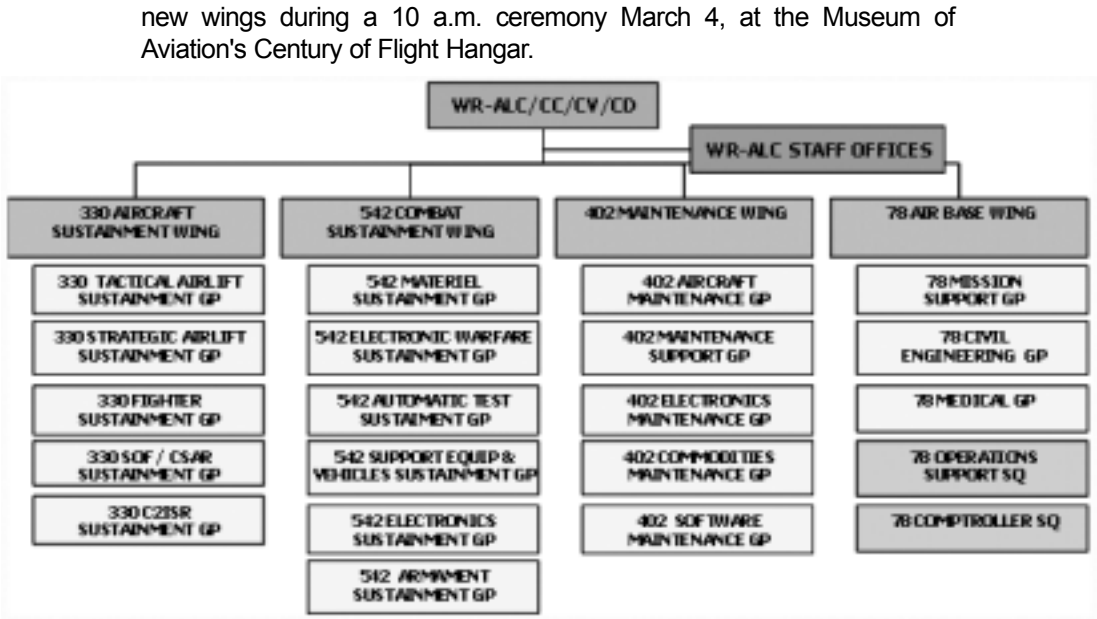
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(the new structure) would give us more synergy between products.”

Historically each ALC has had its own organizational structures, with none of them resembling the standard organizational structures found in the rest of the Air Force. According to Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, the reorganization will help AFMC better accomplish its mission.

“Our new structure will make it easier for people in the field to deal with AFMC, to understand who does what and to clearly know what organizations are responsible and accountable for mission performance,” said General Martin

“Rather than having a more narrowly defined organization focused on individual weapon



system platforms like the KC-135 Stratotanker, the B-52 Stratofortress or the C-5 Galaxy,

we will transition to capability-based wings that focus on all platforms associated with a

broad capability like long-range strike, fighter-attack or strategic airlift.”

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fitness programs, taking time to spend with family and providing military and civilians with timely appraisals and feedback.

One way Robins is helping take care of its people is through its awards program - a program the colonel said is making strides in recognition of civilian workers.

“We have a new awards program...,” he said. “We’ve got air base wing and Maj. Gen. Collings recognizing people at the (air logistics center). So, now Team Robins is really Team Robins. We’re recognizing

our civilian professionals right along with our military professionals like we should have been doing all along.”

The colonel congratulated many units within the wing, such as the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 78th Communications Squadron, who have won Air Force Materiel Command- and Air Force-level awards.

“We’re winning - you’re winning - all kinds of awards - huge awards, huge recognition of what you’re doing here for Team Robins and the Air Force,” he said.

Along with recognizing the base’s achievements, Col. Patterson encouraged those in the wing to do all they can to

achieve goals set by Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander.

Representatives from the wing’s safety office, the 78th Communication Squadron, and the Family Advocacy Office addressed the new drop card system used to help people on base prevent on-the-job injuries, the importance of computer security and ways to prevent suicides and violence among Robins’ work force.

The hour-long session also included updates on construction projects, including the progress of the \$11.2 million Commissary slated for completion by fall, renovations of restrooms in buildings 300 and 301, and ongoing projects on dorms.

NSPS

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rewards its employees, while preserving the core merit principles, veterans’ preference and important employee protections and benefits of the current system.

The proposed regulations are the result of a broad-based effort that included input from DoD employees, supervisors, managers, senior leaders, union representatives and public interest groups.

At a press conference today, Navy Secretary Gordon England, who serves as the Department of Defense’s senior executive overseeing

the National Security Personnel System, and Dan Blair, acting director of the Office of Personnel Management, called the publication of the proposed NSPS regulations a critical milestone in the development of this new personnel system that will emphasize performance rather than longevity as it provides more agile, flexible support to DoD’s post-Sept 11 missions.

Blair stated that NSPS will give DoD employees and managers “greater flexibility to accomplish their vital national security mission.” He further stated, “True to the intent of the enabling legislation, the proposed regulations successfully balance the mis-

sion requirements of the department and the need to maintain core civil service principles and values.”

The proposed regulations will be published in the Federal Register on Feb. 14, 2005, initiating a 30-day formal public comment period, providing all interested parties the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations on the content of the proposal. After the comment period, DoD will initiate the statutory meet and confer process with employee representatives for 30 days to discuss their views and concerns regarding the proposed regulations and seek common ground. DoD will report the results and out-

come of the meet and confer period to Congress prior to finalizing the regulations, which should occur this spring.

Both England and Blair emphasized the broad-based effort to include all stakeholders in the design and development of NSPS and encouraged all interested parties to submit comments and continue to be part of that effort.

DoD employees as well as interested parties are encouraged to visit the NSPS Web site at www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps to view and comment on the proposed regulations as well as for the most recent information and announcements regarding NSPS.

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“The Web-based tool only facilitates the relationship between people and mentors by allowing them to find each other,” he said. “Once they find each other and decide to be in a mentoring relationship, every bit of the mentoring takes place outside of the Web-based tool through face-to face, telephone, e-mail or through other methods.”

According to Center work force development division office personnel, currently only mentors are being invited to participate in the program.

“Mentors are needed from every career field at all levels,” said Debra Singleton, chief of work force development. “Once we have completed the mentor enrollment process, we will be seeking individuals

who wish to have a mentor.”

Mentors are defined as those who have gained experience over the years and can now share with future leaders and those coming up through the ranks. People who need mentors are individuals who have a developmental need. The Web-based tool is fully functional and mentors are being invited to register online at this time. People seeking mentors will be invited to participate beginning Feb. 25

The tool will be used to create, monitor and close the mentor relationship. People engaged in a mentoring relationship can do most of their correspondence through e-mail. Once paired, the two can establish specific goals, objectives and a timeline for reaching those goals.

While the benefit is obvious for those seeking mentors, mentors gain strength in coaching skills, demonstrating leadership, and contributing to the development of

future leaders.

A common myth about mentoring is that it’s time consuming. However, during the pilot program conducted at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., last summer, mentors were involved in the mentoring process only three to four hours a month.

Although Michael O’Hara, civilian personnel director, admits he had doubts about the mentoring package in the beginning, he has since changed his mind.

“I have personally reviewed the mentoring package provided to us by HQ AFMC and the demonstration I witnessed allayed those concerns,” he said. “The system provided doesn’t constitute the relationship or the full process. But, it does provide the bridge we have needed for years to link up employees who are seeking direction or advice with those who need it.”

Traveling fitness fair brings Robins a better way to live

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Health and Wellness Center and Integrated Product Team employees are bringing health information to the people of Robins with traveling fitness fairs.

As part of the Walk into Wellness campaign – a civilian fitness program that began in late January – representatives from the HAWC and the 78th Services Division provided health information, blood pressure screenings and height and weight checks for the campaign’s fifth traveling fitness fair at the Base Restaurant Feb. 3.

Vickie Mathis, 78th Comptroller Squadron management analyst, said the program helps her manage her health better.

“I think it’s an excellent opportunity for the civilian work force to increase their fitness and reduce stress in the workplace.”

Second Lt. Vanessa Tupper, Fitness Center officer in charge, said the program helps civilians stay healthy to support mission needs.

“With the new “Fit to Fight” program that started with the Air Force last year, I think it’s great that they’re bringing a fitness program to the civilians,” he said. “They work alongside us, so they should be fit to fight and support the mission with us.”



According to Bridget Zimmerman, director of the HAWC, 752 people have registered for the Walk into Wellness campaign here.

“We’re really happy with how the campaign is going and how people are coming out to the traveling fitness fairs,” she said. “We’ve had a good response, a lot better than we had expected.”



For more information, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp
Above, John Enterman, Fitness Center director, gives instructions on how to set the new pedometer Feb. 3. Left, Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone, Center vice commander, walks 10 steps to measure his stride length at a fitness fair held at the Base Restaurant.

Aviation event offers opportunity to network

The 16th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference runs March 10 to 12 in Dallas.

The event is an opportunity for both women and men involved in aviation to network and further develop their professional careers, said Chris Patterakis, special assistant to the secretary of the Air Force for community relations.

Speakers at this year's conference include the chief executive officer of Southwest Airlines, Colleen Barrett; B-1B Lancer pilot Capt. Kim Black; air show performer Chandy Clanton; chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, Ellen Engleman Connors; aviation humorist Ralph Hood; and aviation pioneer, retired Gen. Chuck Yeager.

The conference includes a trade show, a job fair and educational seminars.

For more information, visit www.wai.org.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Staff Sgt. Ty Taylor keeps watch at the Robins Control Tower Tuesday.

Air traffic controller keeps eye on mission, making skies safer

By Holly L. Birchfield
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When safeguarding people’s lives and millions of dollars worth of equipment is your job, you can’t afford to have “Monday kind of day” – just ask Staff Sgt. Ty Taylor and the 22 other air traffic controllers here.



Keeping watch from the tower 93 feet above Robins’ runway, Sergeant Taylor, the 78th Operations Support Squadron chief of air traffic control training and standardization, helps ensure aircrews flying in Robins’ airspace remain safe.

“We come in every day (knowing) our number one job is to make sure skies are safe,” he said. “If we don’t do our job, something devastating could happen. People in other jobs might say, ‘I’m having a Monday today,’ but in our line of work, if we have a Monday kind of day, something very bad could happen.”

The controllers, who keep up with current weather conditions and Air Force air traffic control operations guidance,

What to know

Air traffic controllers at Robins oversee 150 to 300 air traffic operations each day. Airmen in the field of air traffic control undergo more than a year of extensive training in the initial stages of their careers, followed by monthly and yearly training and certification to hone their skills.

keep their eyes alert and the communication lines with the Middle Georgia Regional Airport and the Atlanta Air Traffic Control Center constantly open for aircraft traffic.

The 30-year-old Oklahoma native has been an air traffic controller for eight years, and said it takes a “crew” effort to get the job done.

“We’re always in communication with the pilots,” he said. “There are always four crew members and two air traffic controller apprentices on at any given time. There are times when it’s stressful and times that it’s not. It always falls back on the team concept. It’s not just one person up there. It’s all four of us working together to make sure the mission gets accomplished.”

Blending made easy

Virtual university coming soon to a computer near you

By Tech. Sgt. Beverly Isik
116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

Blending 101. Processes and Analyses of Leave Basics. Concepts of Pay – just the types of courses you might expect to find at the 116th Air Control Wing University.

The university – a multi-tiered educational program inspired by Brig. Gen. Tom Lynn, wing commander – offered its first classroom course to educate active-duty newcomers on the concept of a blended unit in December.

“We’re a total force, but we have a multitude of different programs our people need to know about,” Col. Lois Stark, 116th ACW chief of staff, said. “The biggest challenge we’ve faced as a blended wing is understanding each other’s differences.”

With nine different statuses of people in the wing, each category has different pay programs, promotion programs and leave programs. It’s easy for some people to get confused about even the most basic concepts.

For instance, with supervisor permission, active-duty troops can leave work during the duty day, get a haircut and come back.

“If I go get a hair cut, I have to take leave because I’m a technician,” the

colonel said. “If I have a doctor’s appointment, I have to take sick leave that I earn annually, separate from my annual leave. It’s just a myriad of nuances that sometimes cause friction.”

Another example is Air Combat Command Family Days, she said.

“It’s a wonderful concept. I love it,” Col. Stark said. “But we can’t give the Guard folks in this wing a day off. The federal law prohibits us from (doing it). Is it equal? No. Can we get as fair as possible? Yes. And this education program will hopefully promote better understanding.”

It’s about the things people care most about – time and money, said Air National Guard Capt. Konata Crumbly, who has taken on the task of building the university from the ground up.

“For example, you’re a civilian during the week, but on the weekend you tell me you’re an E-7,” the captain explained. “Those are the types of things people need to understand. You don’t always have to agree with everything, but you definitely need to understand.”

By March or April, the 116th ACW university should be totally virtual, available 24 hours a day, with everything about blending available online.

The colonel sees a virtual university on the wing’s Web site where people can

JSTARS personnel types

- Title 10 Active Duty Air Force
- Active Duty Guard (AGR)
- Title 32 Traditional Guard
- Title 32 Civilian Technician
- Title 5 Civilian Technician
- State employees
- Contractors
- Active Duty Army



find a variety of media on different blended topics.

In addition to the active-duty Right Start College, there will be a Newcomers College for the Guard members; a Supervisors College and even a Commanders College.

The concept of the university came from the need for educating people on blending, but the colonel definitely sees it encompassing other topics.

“We could put some suicide prevention information in there. Possibly sexual harassment prevention training and even family readiness,” she said.

More teamwork, technology drive Air Force transformation

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials will use more teamwork and technology in transforming the service into a more agile and efficient force for the 21st century, a senior Air National Guard officer said here Monday.

The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard will stay very much a part of current and future Air Force missions, said Brig. Gen. Charles Ickes II, deputy director of the Air National Guard.

The Air National Guard has

long worked in tandem with its active-duty and Reserve brethren, General Ickes said, as part of the Department of Defense’s total force concept. National Guard Airmen run 100 percent of the ground alert facilities as part of Operation Noble Eagle for homeland defense and security in the United States, he said.

All of the armed services have used their reserve components quite a bit in recent years especially supporting operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, General Ickes said. Almost 50 percent of the U.S. forces in Iraq are members of

the Guard or Reserve.

“That just shows (how much) the guardsmen and the reservists (have) stepped up,” he said.

And since much of the Air Force’s mission involves deploying and maintaining high-tech aircraft, General Ickes said there is a tight bond between active-duty, Guard and Reserve pilots, aircrews and mechanics.

That partnership will be expanded in coming years, he said, as part of the Air Force’s Future Total Force initiative, where Guard and Reserve Airmen will train and serve

alongside active duty Airmen while flying some of the most modern and sophisticated aircraft in the Air Force’s inventory. However, General Ickes said he does not see the Air Force’s reserve components being absorbed into the active component, because the Guard and Reserve each bring different strengths to the table.

The general predicted that the Air Force’s reserve components will become part of future DoD missions, as more Guard and Reserve Airmen integrate with their active counterparts to fly and maintain cutting-edge equipment.

Lessons every Airman should know before deploying

By Staff Sgt. Lee Watts
20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. (AFPN) – There I was, deployed in the war on terrorism, when I found myself under attack, again! I am not a pilot or a security forces troop; I do most of my work in an office; but while in Iraq, I had to repeatedly face enemy fire nonetheless.

If you are in the military, you can expect to deploy. It is what we train for. Whether you work in an office, on the flightline or have some other job, training with a warrior’s mindset here at home can keep you alive when you are under attack.

When you literally see the rockets’ red glare and bombs bursting in air, there is no time to think. Your training, or lack thereof, will take over.

During exercises, do you ever grumble about having to wear the helmet or flak vest for hours? Are you one of those Airmen who takes it off when no one’s looking? Yes, it is uncomfortable; but let me stress why we all need to train the way we fight.

A few weeks ago I was in Baghdad and was headed to the gym, which was a short walk from the trailers where we slept. I will admit, it looks ridiculous wearing a T-shirt, running shorts and sneakers with body armor and a helmet. But while outdoors, orders were to always wear your protective gear.



U.S. Air Force photo by Robbin Cressell

CAMP BULLIS, Texas – Airmen train in the combat-type skills they will need to provide security for Soldiers, Marines during convoy operations in Iraq.

It was a quiet night, but halfway there, four rockets broke the silence. They came without warning; no alarms sounded until after the explosions began. That night, I chose to put on the uncomfortable armor. A guy 50 yards to my right did not. Today, I am safely home

with my family; he is not. His family must now go on without him.

Orders are for a reason. Following them saved my life, and not following them cost another man his.

Train the way you fight! We are all given orders to go to training.

The military provides the training, but your mindset determines its effectiveness. Have you trained for war or just checked a box? Whether it be self-aid and buddy care, chemical warfare or small arms, treat your training as if your life depends on it. It may.

Right now, if the bullets started flying, could you quickly clear a jam in your weapon and get it operational again? This “office” Airman had to do that. Could you treat someone going into shock? When car-bomb shock waves hit my building, that scenario became real.

During a Phase II exercise, when you’re showing new Airmen how to do unexploded-ordnance sweeps, are you showing them exactly the way you want them to check around your tent when it really counts? There were more than 100 sweeps in the short time I was there.

During attacks, your training will take over, and so will the training you have provided to others. When mortars begin to fall, it is too late to prepare. Whatever preparations you make now will be all you have then.

In Baghdad, it was obvious who was fit to fight both physically and mentally. They had trained with a warrior mindset and came to the fight combat-ready.

In this war, fear is the enemy’s greatest weapon. The terrorists want us to be afraid: afraid to fly, afraid to visit our own monuments, afraid the costs will be too high to see this fight through to the end.

The way to defeat our enemy is clear. In the fight against terrorism, Thomas Paine once said, “Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”

Airman grateful for service of Tuskegee Airmen who fought for freedom

By Senior Airman
Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) – Today’s Air Force family is a mighty quilt that unites servicemembers of all races, religions, nationalities and creeds around the globe.

Our uniforms look alike, but the plurality of those who wear them is rich in culture and history.

This thought made me

want to learn a little more about the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of determined men who enlisted to become the United States’ first black military Airmen.

The unwavering resolve of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II arose during an era when many people found themselves engaged in another “war” on American soil over segregation and racial equality.

Nonetheless, the Airmen, hailing from various parts of America, strove to become

pilots or master other aspects of aviation.

I wondered how such a group, many of whom still had to drink from “colored” water fountains, got such important and necessary training to promote their social and professional advancement.

At the urging of black leaders and the black press, the Army Air Corps began a special project to integrate black pilots into the fighter pilot program. The first aviation cadet class began in July 1941

at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Ala., and its pilots trained to fly single- and multi-engine aircraft.

The nine-month training began with just 13 Airmen in the first class. Between 1942 and 1946, 992 pilots graduated from Tuskegee and received commissions and pilot wings. Black navigators, bombardiers and gunnery crews were trained at other bases in the United States.

Soon, hundreds of black Airmen became college graduates or undergraduates by

way of the military, and others qualified through comprehensive entrance examinations.

According to the National Home of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Web site, “no standards were lowered for the pilots or any of the others who trained in operations, meteorology, intelligence, engineering, medicine or any of the other officer fields.”

Enlisted members received training in a variety of fields – aircraft and engine mechanics, armament specialists, radio repairmen, parachute riggers,

control tower operators, administrative clerks and many other specialties necessary for full operability as an Army Air Corp flying squadron or ground support unit.

The Tuskegee Airmen prepared to fight, fought to win and took care of each other in the face of adversity. I am grateful for the service of these Airmen, just as I am grateful for the service of all military men and women who fight for freedom, democracy and equality each day.

Commander’s Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Housing Office.....	926-3776

Impressive gate guards

Please forgive my delay in sharing this compliment: Our gate guards are simply great. Whether it is my chronological age or not, I am greeted with friendliness, courtesy and much professionalism in moving cars through very quickly. I always try to share a kindness to them about the super job they are doing for us. Their uni-

forms are always so neatly pressed and those who greet me in the mornings do so with smiles. Thanks so much. It really is a great way to start my day as well as a most positive impression for our base.

Commander’s reply: Thank you for the very kind words. What seems to be a simple task (looking at an ID and sending the vehicle through) is actually more arduous than it appears. The fact the entry

controllers perform this duty day in and day out, rain, shine or ice storm is definitely deserving of praise alone. These men and women provide a commendable level of professionalism and courtesy to all commuters while keeping our base safe and secure. Thanks again for the praise, and we’ll be sure to pass it along to the troops. Without question these dedicated folks make Robins a better place to live and work.

Remember to slow down

There have been

20

speeding tickets issued
calendar year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points

11 - 15 miles = 4 points

16 - 20 miles = 5 points

21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home.

The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

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Two steps forward

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When Staff Sgt. Chris Danko reported for work Jan. 25 he thought it would be just another day at the office, but when Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, arrived to discipline him he could see it all going down-hill.

The 78th Services Division’s Honor Guard flight sergeant said the early morning carpet call due to an “error” made during a funeral came at 8:30 a.m.

“He told me I had messed up a funeral, and he could do one of two things,” said the sergeant. “One, he could send me back to my old job at the hospital, or two, he could give me a step promotion. I said ‘I think I’ll take the step.’”

The 33-year-old Mingo Junction, Mich., native attributes pinning on technical sergeant with only 10-and-a-half years of service to several things.

“I think part of it is the support and leadership roles my mom and dad played when I was young,” he said. “The other part is the success of the Airmen I supervise and the mentorship of my supervisor and the entire Services Division team.”

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Tech. Sgt. Michael Griego was hard at work in the Civil Engineer readiness section Jan. 25 when he noticed he had a few high profile guests. Thinking he was in hot water he stopped what he was doing.

The 38-year-old Penasco, N.M., native was told by the Center commander that there were some readiness issues, and as the Civil Engineer

Leaders make surprise visits to announce promotions



U.S. Air Force photos by Tommie Horton
Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle, Center command chief master sergeant, promote Chris Danko to technical sergeant Jan. 25.



Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle, Center command chief master sergeant, promote Michael Griego to master sergeant Jan. 25.

Squadron’s noncommis-sioned officer in charge of readiness, the blame fell on him.

A few moments later he breathed a sign of relief when he learned that instead of a reprimand he was really being given a step promotion.

The new master sergeant attributes his promotion to hard work and a great support system. And although the promotion is a big deal, he’s still in shock.

“It really hasn’t hit me

yet,” he said. “I guess I’m still a little surprised.”

The formal presentations under the Stripes to Exceptional Performers program were made by the Center commander and Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle, Center command chief master sergeant. Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Bruce Curry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, and Col. Silvia Anderson, 78th Mission Support Group commander, were also present.

College degree program allows full-time study while active duty

By Crystal Toenjes
72nd Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFPN) – A program allowing active-duty enlisted Airmen to attend college full time without loss of pay or benefits, and graduate with both a degree and a commission might just be the best kept secret in the Air Force, officials said.

The Airman Education and Commissioning Program gives eligible Airmen up to three years to complete a technical, nursing, foreign language or area studies bachelor’s degree and then be commissioned as a second lieutenant.

To qualify for the program, applicants should have at least one year in service and on station, both of which are waiverable, and 45 earned college credit hours, up to 15 of which can be earned through testing.

New cadets continue to receive pay at the level of their enlisted rank, with all cadets receiving minimum pay as a staff sergeant.

During the program, cadets attend school year round, including summer terms, except when they are attending summer field training.

Cadets may attend any school with an ROTC program or fulfill their degree requirements at one campus and travel to another with a detachment to fulfill their ROTC requirements.

The application deadline for fall 2005 enrollment is March 1.

For more information, go to www.afboats.af.mil/afrotc/enlistedcommissioning/FY05%20aecp.htm.

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End of December/first of January

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U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

The Macon Trax, in black jerseys, beat the Asheville Aces, 4-2, at the Military Appreciation Night Feb. 4. The next home game will be Feb. 27 against Jacksonville, with a 4:05 game time. For more information about the hockey team, visit www.macontrax.com. (No federal endorsement is intended or implied).

Robins makes tracks to Macon Trax

MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

The **Macon Trax Military Appreciation Night** was held Feb. 4 at the Macon Centreplex. The Trax defeated the Asheville Aces, 4-2.

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, and his wife Debbie ride in a humvee during the opening ceremony.



Colonel Patterson gets ready to square off against Col. Steve Bernard, 19th Air Refueling Group commander, during the sumo wrestling match after the first period of play.



The Robins Honor Guard presents the colors as Senior Airman Angie Long of the Band of the Air Force Reserve sings the national anthem.

A member of the Mercer University ROTC 'Bears' battalion rappels from the ceiling during the event's opening ceremony.

2005 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for federal employees. Please note that most federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday – Saturday or Sunday – the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

FEB	MAY	JULY	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	{ MARCH, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST }
Monday, Feb. 21: President's Day	Monday, May 30: Memorial Day	Monday, July 4: Independence Day	Monday, Sept. 5: Labor Day	Monday, Oct. 10: Columbus Day	Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Dec. 26: Christmas Day	no federal holiday

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club
Private pilot ground school registration will be held March 1 - 7 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. School starts March 7 at 5:30 p.m. One-hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$340 for tuition and \$200 for books and duffle bag and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 - 50-hour course, lasting approximately six weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 926-4867 and register soon because classroom seating is limited.

Base Restaurant
Grilled steaks are back on Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost \$5.95 and includes grilled steak, baked potato, green beans and tea.

Civilian Recreation bingo
Play bingo every Wednesday in February at the base restaurant to collect stamps for a chance to win bingo merchandise, valued up to \$400. Drawings will be held March 2. Both paper and power bingo cards will be available. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with food available to purchase from the base restaurant and games will begin at 7 p.m. Complimentary fountain drinks, tea and coffee will be provided to bingo players.

Family night bingo will be played Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Prizes will include keyboards, tents, sports equipment and a dance machine. Cost is \$3

per package. All children purchasing a package will receive a small gift. No one will go home empty-handed.

Club membership
A chance to win a sun, surf and sand vacation package for two is in your future when you join the Robins Enlisted or Officers' Club, now through April 30 during the "Members Wanted - It's Where You Want to Be" club drive. Current club members have a chance of winning this package too. Club membership at the officers' and enlisted clubs is open to all Department of Defense employees serving Robins as well as active duty, reserve, and retired military and retired DoD civilians. For more information concerning club membership features, options and benefits, call the Robins Officers' Club at 926-2670 or the Robins Enlisted Club at 926-4515.

Enlisted Club
A Texas Hold 'Em tournament will be held Feb. 26 with a practice and warm-up session from 11 - 11:45 a.m., sign-up starts at noon and games at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be given to the winners of the first round and a 27-inch television will be given as the grand prize. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 members and \$10 nonmembers. For more information, call 926-4515.

Information, Tickets and Travel
ITT has tickets to the Fox

Theatre Alvin Ailey American Dance, Saturday at 2 p.m. for \$38, or 8 p.m. for \$45. Transportation included for evening showing.

Valentine balloon bouquets will be available at ITT Monday. Airmen, E1 - E4, who show their Go card will receive a 10 percent discount on Valentine balloon bouquets only.

NASCAR tickets are available for the Aaron's 312 and Golden Corral 500 on March 19 and 20. Cost is \$50 for both races. Tickets will be available through March 4.

The 78th Services Division is looking for volunteers with current commercial driver's licenses to drive, a minimum 24-passenger bus, for ITT and Outdoor Recreation trips. For more information, call Donna Smith, ITT manager, at 926-2945 or Cheryl Dollard, Outdoor Recreation manager, at 926-4001.

Explore and expand your horizons at the ITT Safari Travel Show March 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Visit travel booths from the following travel and amusement representatives: Walt Disney Parks & Resorts, Macon Convention and Visitors Bureau, Babyland General Hospital, Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, Four Points Sheraton, Villas by the Sea, Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Medieval Times, Universal Studios, Mossy Creek Barnyard

Festival, Resort Quest Orlando, La Quinta Lakeside, Staybridge Suites Orlando, Red Horse Inn/Kessler Collection, Howard Johnson Plaza Resort, Alpine Helen/White County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Wild Adventures, Hilton Garden Inn, Orlando Seaworld, Radisson Barcelo Hotel, Emerald Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau Inc., Hampton Inn Amelia Island, Dixie Stampede, Interline Value Vacations, Andersonville Trail Association, Buffalo Lodging, Macon Knights, Westgate Resorts, Hilton Garden Inn Albany, Gone With The Wind Museum, Shades Of Green and Boardwalk Beach Resort.

Library
Start climbing your family tree with a beginning genealogy and family history class Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Building 905, Room 122. Participants will receive guidance and advice on their ancestry. To register or for more information, call 327-8761 or visit the library.

Officers' Club
Enjoy Isaac Barber as he plays light rock on his acoustic guitar at the Wellston today and Feb. 18 from 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Services Marketing
If you are a DoD civilian assigned to Robins, go to www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the civilian survey icon on the home page. The information you provide

will be used to further enhance programs and activities.

Smith Community Center
Earn pogs for your unit or organization, to count towards the Camaraderie, Cohesiveness and Commitment Traveling Trophy, by participating in the following 3-C events:
■ An RC pool tournament will be held Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. upstairs in the Smith Community Center. Teams may register by today.
■ A Win, Lose or Draw game is slated for Feb. 18 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the community center ballroom. Please register your team by Feb. 16.
For more information, call 926-2105 or visit the community center.

Guess the number of pieces of candy in the jar for a chance to win prizes during the Sweetheart Special beginning Monday and ending today at noon at the Smith Community Center. Six people who guess the closest will win prizes. Prizes will consist of the following: first place, a weekend stay for two at the Embassy Suites Hotel Atlanta Buckhead. This package, valued at \$750, includes breakfast, happy hour and in-room amenities. Second through sixth prizes will be \$50 gift certificates to Affordable Gifts 4 All (www.affordable-gifts4all.com). Winners will be notified during the afternoon of Feb. 11. No federal endorsement intended.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



Today 7:30 p.m. – White Noise – Michael Keaton and Chandra West

People have always searched for a way to communicate with the other side – driven to find a way to connect with loved ones who have passed on. Jonathan Rivers, distraught after the mysterious death of his wife, is contacted by a man who claims to be receiving messages from her through something he calls electronic voice phenomena," or the "white noise" most of us hear when we flip through the radio dial. Jonathan is at first skeptical, but then becomes convinced EVP is real and tries to contact her himself.

Rated PG-13 (violence, disturbing images and language) 98 minutes



Saturday 2 p.m. – Fat Albert – Kenan Thompson and Kyla Pratt

Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids come to life and step out of their animated, inner-city Philadelphia cartoon world. Literally. The crew steps out of a TV one day and into modern-day America, where they discover pop-top cans, shopping malls, rap and girls.

Rated PG (momentary language) 93 minutes

7:30 p.m. – Constantine - free movie – Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz

Pick up free passes at the Main Exchange checkout counters and any AAFES Food Outlets Feb. 11-12. Please arrive early. Seating is available on a first-come, first served basis. Theater is not responsible for over booking.

John Constantine has been to hell and back. Born with a gift he didn't want, Constantine (Keanu Reeves) was driven to take his own life to escape. But he failed. Resuscitated against his will, he found himself cast back into the land of the living. Now, marked as an attempted suicide with a temporary lease on life, he patrols the earthly border between heaven and hell, hoping in vain to earn his way to salvation by waging war on the earthbound minions of evil.

Rated R (violence and demonic images)

COMING SOON:
Feb. 18 – **Racing Stripes** – voices of Frankie Muniz and Hayden Panettiere Rated PG (mild crude humor and some language) 102 minutes
Feb. 19 – **Elektra** – Jennifer Garner Rated PG-13 (action violence) 97 minutes

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Transition assistance
The Transition Assistance Program ensures active duty personnel are prepared to separate from the military. Classes are offered throughout the year.

Relocation assistance
The FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout. The relocation assistance program also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide at www.airforcesourceone.com (user ID: airforce; password: ready). For more information, call 926-3453.

Pre-deployment briefings
Pre-deployment briefings are

offered by the FSC readiness team at 8:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453.

Career focus
Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilian personnel to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information, call 926-1256.

Airman's attic
The Airmen's Attic program supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the attic to find items to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also provides children's clothing, toys and military uniforms. Large items such as chairs, couches, washers,

dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman's Attic. These larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a "Wish List." Airmen are encouraged to visit the Attic and list their needs on the wish list.

Morale call program
Standard morale calls are conducted over the DSN with a regular telephone. The military member provides the DSN number, where he or she is located, to the family member. The family member calls the FSC at 926-1256 to receive a control number. Once a convenient time for both the military member and the family member is chosen, the family member calls the base operator at 926-1110 to make the morale call. Please choose a time wherein both parties can complete the entire 15-minute conversation within one call. The videophone morale call must be conducted at the FSC. Videophone Morale Calls are made using the VIATV system.

BLACK HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

The Black Heritage Observance Committee announces the following events for celebration of Black History Month:
Today - Health fun run/walk, 10 a.m.; 9:30 registration at the HAWC
Thursday - Luncheon at the Enlisted Club starts at 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 19 - Youth and Cultural Fair at the Museum of Aviation 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Feb. 25 - Grand finale, with Five Men on a Stool – a contemporary Jazz and R&B ensemble accompanied by a touch of spoken word at the Enlisted Club from 7-10 p.m.
The theme for this year is "The

Niagara Movement" celebrating 100 years. T-shirts are \$12 and sweatshirts are \$20. Shirts can be purchased by contacting your organization representative or attending any BHOC fundraiser or event. For more information, visit www.robins.af.mil/blackhistory/index.htm.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.
Rachel LaVon Harris, WRALC/LTCR. Point of contact is Lisa Vander Poorten at 926-3385.
Randall Marsh, WRALC/MANRCDE. Point of contact is Cayatana Palumbo at 926-3089.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

How to take steps to a healthy heart

Guardian of the rhythm of life, your heart is an extraordinary machine. Each quiet beat of this small, muscular organ sparks a series of complex chemical, electrical and mechanical events.

The purpose is to pump and propel a tiny tidal wave of life-giving blood into the 60,000-mile network of vessels that is your circulatory system.

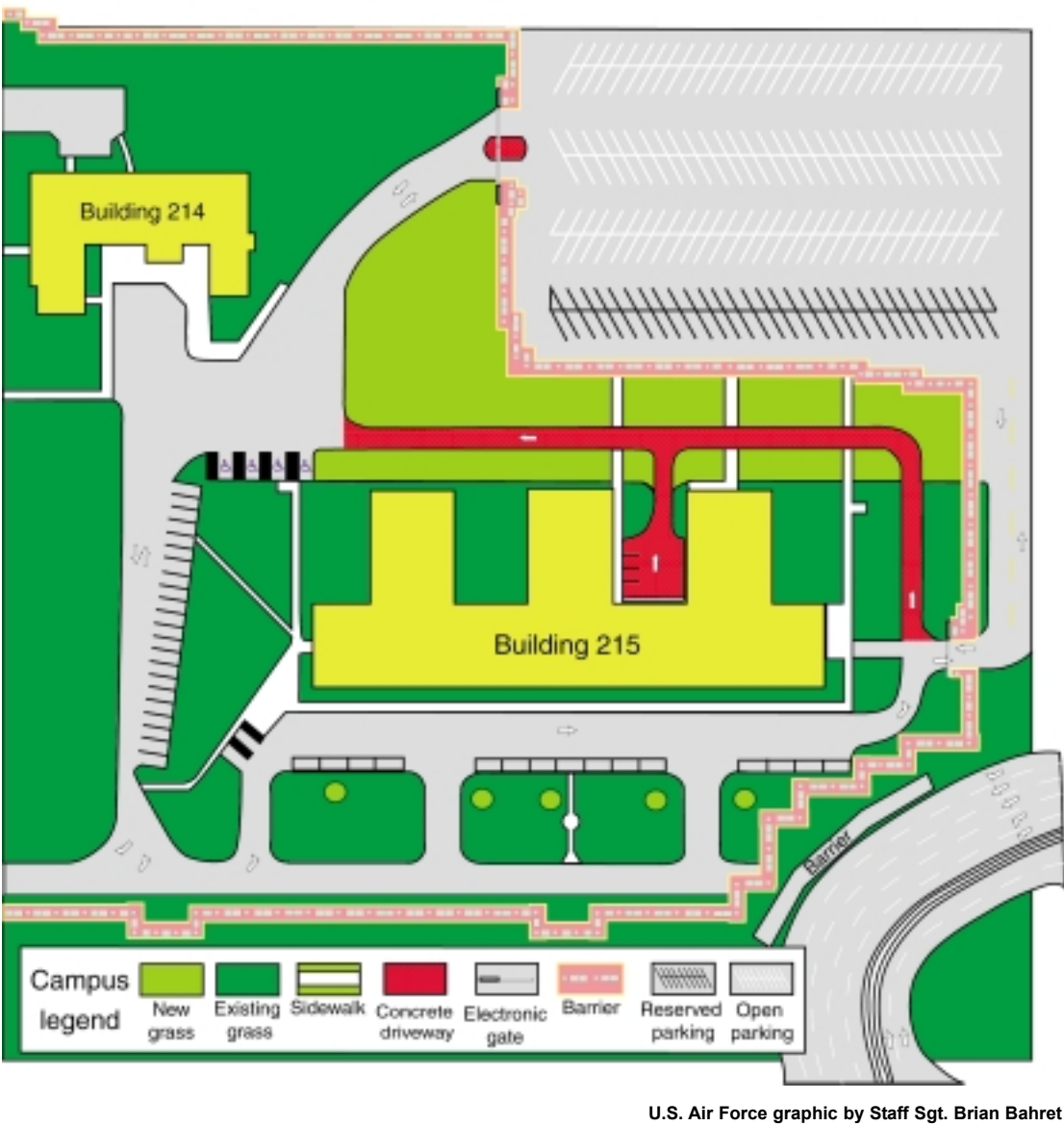
Lasting less than a second, each powerful pulse occurs about 100,000 times a day within your body. It's a miracle you may take for granted until the process is disrupted, threatening your heart, your health and your life.

Many factors can affect the strength of your heartbeat. Generally, it is the progression of disease that leads to heart attack and permanent heart damage, which is most often due to excess: too much fat, cholesterol, alcohol, smoking, stress or inactivity.

That's where you come in. By controlling the big six heart breakers you can help keep your heart beating strong, and in return, it will increase your chance of living a long and productive life.

For more information about taking steps to a healthy heart or to sign up for classes, contact the HAWC at 327-8480 or visit www.robins.af.mil/78MEDGP/aerospace/hawc/hawc.htm for class schedules.

— 78th Medical Group



U.S. Air Force graphic by Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret

New anti-terrorism perimeter plan to create campus look for Building 215

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Construction of a system of barriers, brick roadway and green areas, summarized as the Air Logistics Center Campus Plan, will begin Monday on the east side of Building 215.

The plan's advantages are increased force protection and an eye-appealing campus look for the building.

But the heightened anti-terrorism measures come at the cost of 160 parking spaces — those closest to the building.

Second Lt. Steven M. Toeppen, a project manager for the 78th Civil Engineer Group, said the first four rows of parking east of 215 and parking on the southwest side of Building 214 will be blocked for the construction. Those with reserved parking within the construction area will be assigned designated parking outside the barrier area.

Vehicles left inside the construction area after Monday will be subject to towing, Lieutenant Toeppen said.

Anyone who must park within the closed area after construction begins should contact Jim Bearden at 926-3533, extension 126. Mr. Bearden also will answer questions about the plan.

The plan calls for construction of vehicle gates in the barrier wall to allow a very limited number of vehicles inside the barrier area. Entry control devices will be installed at the gates. According to the present timetable, the barriers will be completed in April, and the gates in May.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

■ Every Wednesday in February is red-head pin day. Get a strike when the red pin is in the number one position and that game is free.

■ A sweetheart bowling special will be offered Sunday. Bowlers who pay regular price will pay half price for their sweetheart.

Fitness Center

■ Enjoy free water aerobics Tuesdays and Thursday at 4:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. located at the Rasile pool.

■ A Club Robins Winter Spinathon will be held Saturday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

■ A weightlifting competition is scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m. at the center.

Competition will consist of bench press, overhead press and squats in both men's and

women's divisions.

■ The post-season varsity Southeastern Military Athletic Conference is slated for Feb. 19 - 21 at the center.

■ Winter Sports Day will be held Feb. 25. Events include a swim meet, table tennis, racquetball, volleyball, walleyball, obstacle course and a three-on-three basketball competition.

Golf Course

A two-person dogfight is scheduled for Feb. 26 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Sign up at the Pine Oaks pro shop or call 926-4103.

Youth Center

The center will be conducting baseball, softball, T-ball, ages 5-18, and micro T-ball, ages 3 and 4, registrations Feb. 21 - 28. For more information, call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Falcons track and field team places last at annual Air Force Classic

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) — The Air Force Academy track and field team picked up a pair of fourth-place finishes at the annual Air Force Classic here Saturday.

The Falcon men finished with 94 points, while the women tallied 98.

Paul Gensic was the Falcons' only event winner. He

led a 1-2-3 Air Force sweep in the pole vault, clearing an NCAA provisional mark of 17 feet 4 1/2 inches. Travis Picou collected a pair of top-three finishes. He finished second in the 200-meter dash at 21.58 seconds and third in the 60-meter dash at 6.91.

On the women's side, the

Falcons finished second, third and fourth in the 60-meter hurdles, led by Dierra Poland, who crossed the finish line at 8.80. Genelle Chapman and Rachael McIntosh finished second and third, respectively, at 8.86 and 8.87. The 4x880-yard relay team picked up a second-place finish at 9 minutes 38.55 sec-

onds. The Falcons' time broke the previous meet record (as did race-winner Colorado).

The Falcons next head to Seattle on Saturday for the Husky Classic.

Robins’ employees part of team awarded for project years later

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Two Intelligence Reconnaissance Directorate employees here were among hundreds of government agency workers who received a Defense Department award Jan. 7 for developing an intelligence system that gave the U-2S aircraft better capability.

Keith Thomas, an imagery intelligence lead, and Jeff Griffith, extended tether program project lead, were among

those presented with the National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation at the CIA’s headquarters.

The employees developed an intelligence communication architecture that would allow all the collected U-2S data to be exploited in the U.S. and intelligence reports sent back to deployed troops.

“Normally, the U-2S flies in line of sight of a ground station and talks via radio data link,” Mr. Griffith said. “But the places we wanted to cover

were too dangerous to put a ground station, so we modified a particular technology that would let us link back via satellite and bring the intelligence back to the continental U.S.”

Mr. Thomas said the award was quite a surprise since it stemmed from work done years ago in support of 9/11.

“We were recognized for our dedication,” he said. “We didn’t (set) something up and walk away to another project. We stayed with it and followed it all the way through.”

The U-2S

As the world’s premier airborne reconnaissance system, the U-2S is a world-class intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance weapon system, which soars 13 miles high for nine hours at a time, carrying nearly 2.5 tons of the world’s most sophisticated sensors and communications equipment.

The award

The National Meritorious Unit Citation is awarded for the collective performance of a unit or group that has resulted in accomplishments of a clearly superior nature and of significant benefit to the intelligence community.



Jeff Griffith, left, and Keith Thomas were among those presented with the National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation.

All clear



Bobby McCook, team lead for the Lean event, left, shows **John Tucker**, F-15 hydraulics mechanic, the new bins that hold parts. The bins will be located between aircraft worked by mechanics on the upper and lower work areas in the F-15 PDM Cell 2 work area.

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Lean project gives aircraft mechanics clear picture of needed F-15 parts

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A new bench stock bin system is giving aircraft workers on the F-15 Program Depot Maintenance line a way to visually manage their workload.

During a routine work site visit last year, Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, made a suggestion for improving aircraft parts management - and workers listened.

The Lean event team, comprised of aircraft mechanics, Lean facilitators and a representative from Science Applications International Corporation, met and established a system of clear bins, labeled by part number and type. Science Applications International Corporation supplies bench stock parts for all aircraft at Robins



John Burch, sheet metal mechanic, easily accesses a bidmar for tail stands.

Mark Bennett, Lean facilitator for the F-15 Lean Office, said the bin system gives mechanics a better way to track parts inventory.

“This gives these workers a visually managed system for their parts,” he said. “Now

they can just walk up to these bins and they can see what they’re looking for.”

Bin racks will be located between aircraft worked by mechanics on the upper and lower work areas in the F-15 PDM Cell 2 work area where workers correct problems identified during the inspection phase of the PDM process.

Will Crosby, aircraft mechanic in Cell 2, worked with other mechanics on the Lean team to decide necessary items for the bins. He said having the right parts within easy reach helps him get his job done a lot quicker.

“Once we determined what we needed and how much we needed, it made it a lot easier to get the hardware out of there,” he said. “We’ve worked it out where the bins hold the proper quantities of items we need to get the job done.”

John Tucker, a hydraulics mechanic, said the new system has greatly improved operations in the cell.

“The items on the bench stock are now grouped according to series and part number,” he said. “So, now all the bolts are in one section and all the screws are in another section, which makes it easier for mechanics to go to the (bins) and find exactly what they need.”

John Burch, a sheet metal mechanic, agreed.

“It has been 100 percent better,” he said. “You’re not walking all over the place looking for stuff now. Everything is right there where you work, so it saves you a lot of time.”

Mr. Bennett said the Lean event exceeded its goal of improving the aircraft repair process by 47 percent, saving thousands of dollars in manpower costs.

‘Campaign of Hope’ continues with suicide prevention discussion

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. (AFP) – The Air Force’s top chaplain explained what the Air Force Chaplain Service is doing to help prevent suicides during a recent visit here.

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles Baldwin, chaplain service chief, advises the Air Force chief of staff on all matters pertaining to the religious and moral welfare of Airmen.

“What our Airmen do is important, and we must honor them by acknowledging and affirming that they are making a difference in the world,” Chaplain Baldwin said. “There is no job that is insignificant.”

The chaplain service is made up of faith-based counselors

who listen, help and refer Airmen to other organizations if necessary, he said.

“We just want people to know that we care about them and we want to listen no matter what (their) faith, or if (they) have no faith background,” Chaplain Baldwin said.

To ensure Airmen are getting that message, the chaplain service launched Campaign of Hope in January. One campaign initiative has chaplains visiting Airmen wherever they may be.

“We have asked our chaplains to be present on the flight-line (and) in the maintenance hangar, and go where the Airmen are and work,” Chaplain Baldwin said. “We call it honoring Airmen.”

Celebrating Black Heritage Month



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Sequoia Franks

First Fruits Praise Team performed Sunday at the Base Chapel during the Gospel Extravaganza as part of the Black Heritage Observance celebration sponsored by the base that’s going on throughout the month. **For a listing of more events, turn to the Planner page, 2B.**

Rev-Up, newspaper staff take top AFMC honors in 2004 media contest

The Robins Rev-Up is the best metro format newspaper in Air Force Materiel Command for the third consecutive year – so said a panel of judges in the 2004 AFMC Media Contest at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, recently.

Other awards include: **Geoff Jones**, Rev-Up editor – print journalist of the year (second consecutive win). **Sue**

Sapp, staff photographer – contract photographer of the year, and **Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret** – best graphic designer of the year.

The Rev-Up will compete against other metro format newspapers in the Air Force Media Contest. The results of that contest will be announced next month.

– From staff reports

NCO Academy education director explains how to properly wear winter uniform

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Keeping warm as a military member during the winter isn’t as simple as bundling up in the latest winter fashion.

Senior Master Sgt. Eric Miller, director of education at the Robins Noncommissioned Officers Academy, said how you dress for cold weather depends on which uniform you wear.

“If you’re in a service uniform, there are different sweaters and jackets, like the blue pullover sweater or the blue, light-weight jacket that can be worn,” he said. “You can also wear the pullover sweater underneath another garment like the light-weight jacket or the all-weather coat. With the (battle dress uniform), you can wear the field jacket, which has the same camouflage pattern as the regular BDU trousers and blouse. It’s heavy duty and has snaps, buttons and a zipper.”

While those garments are known by many as proper winter wear, Sergeant Miller said many don’t wear them correctly, as outlined in Air Force Instruction.

“A lot of people who wear the light-weight blue jacket don’t zip it up. AFI 36-2903 mandates that it must be at least halfway zipped. You’re never allowed to wear it open,” he said.

Sergeant Miller said in addition to the proper jackets and coats, Airmen are permitted by Air Force Instruction to wear black or gray gloves or mittens with the light-weight blue jacket. But servicemembers are allowed to wear gloves without a field jacket when wearing BDUs.

In addition, the Air Force Materiel Command supplement to AFI 36-2903 mandates that Airmen in the command may wear black, brown or cream colored turtlenecks and thermal under shirts with BDUs.

Military members may also wear solid dark blue, black or gray ear muffs with outer garments. Military members may wear a solid gray scarf with authorized outer garments, except pull-over sweaters.

Functional clothing – issued by organizations for military members performing certain duties in areas such as the flight line – are only authorized to be worn while performing such duties, said Sergeant Miller.

The sergeant, who has been a part of the Air Force for 19 years, said ensuring members wear the proper uniform reinforces the unity of the force.

“It has to do with professionalism,” he said. “If we have everybody out there, doing their own thing, we don’t look like the professional fighting force that taxpayers are paying for. We have to present a professional image at all times, because everything we do impacts the image we present to the public.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech. Sgt. Dion M. Butler warms up with his lightweight jacket and gloves.

MUSEUM EVENT

There will be a Chemistry Camp at the Museum of Aviation Feb. 18 at 9:30 a.m. Students will experiment with various mixtures. Kindergarten through second grade classes will be held in the Middle GYSTC classroom located in the Century of Flight Hangar. Grades 3-5 class will be held in the ACE portable classroom behind the Century of Flight Hangar. Registration will be held at the side entrance to the Century of Flight Hangar Feb. 18 beginning at 9 a.m. The cost is \$15 per student. To pre-register, contact Tamea Matthews at 923-6600.

Give Kids a Smile Day



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Children received free dental screenings from local dentists and a goodie bag with toothpaste and a toothbrush at the ‘Give Kids a Smile Day Celebration’ at the Youth Center Feb.4.

Above, Dr. Don Spillers, a Warner Robins orthodontist, examines Steve Morningstar’s teeth.

Right, Bethany Montjoy, 6, and Je’shon James, 5, make their own toothpaste (4 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. water and a drop of mint extract).



Will your child need braces?

By Drs. David Klingman and Joanna Saenz McPherson

78th Dental Squadron

Perhaps the biggest dental concerns parents and care-givers have about their children is whether or not they will need braces.

Many parents are concerned with spacing between their child’s teeth. Spacing between baby or “primary” teeth, especially the front teeth, is a good thing.

Eventually, the primary teeth will be replaced with the much larger adult or “permanent” teeth around age 7 or 8. Crowding of primary teeth is often a good predictor of crowding of permanent teeth. Orthodontic intervention (braces) may be necessary.

Braces and other orthodontic treatments can be beneficial for many children but are not necessary for everyone. Some reasons for seeking orthodontic treatment include malformation of teeth or jaws causing:

- Difficulty eating and receiving nutrition
 - Speech impediment
 - Difficulty cleaning teeth
 - Unpleasing aesthetics
- (Between ages 7-10 children will go through the “ugly duckling” stage when children

have mixed primary and permanent teeth. The size of the permanent teeth, especially the front two teeth, will often look too large for the child’s face. This is normal and as children grow their facial features will become proportioned to their teeth. Braces may not be necessary.)

There are some things to keep in mind before seeking orthodontic treatment.

■ Good oral hygiene is very important. If your child doesn’t take an active role in their oral hygiene, braces will likely exacerbate problems and can lead to cavities and gum disease.

■ Braces may not be the only treatment necessary. Sometimes a retainer or surgery is also indicated for developmental problems.

■ There can be a social stigma associated with braces. Discuss any concerns with your child.

■ Have realistic expectations. Types of treatment, length of treatment and number of appointments vary from child to child. Not everyone is a good candidate for clear braces.

■ Be aware. Some habits, such as thumb sucking and pen chewing, can cause orthodontic problems but may also be indicators of stressors on older children, a more serious issue. Children usually stop thumb sucking by age 5 without intervention. Appliances can be made for older children to help them quit.

A healthy smile is often a precursor to a healthy self-image. Consult a dentist if you have any concerns regarding your child’s smile.

Guard your teeth when playing contact sports

By Dr. James Dixon
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Mouth guards are protective gear for the teeth and oral structures. There are different types, which are specific to the activities for which they are used.

Many athletic activities may potentially result in damage to the oral cavity. Protect your child’s teeth with a sportsguard.

The sportsguard is made of a soft, elasticized rubber and is made so that it only fits the mouth it is made for. This type of mouthguard is recommended for use during contact sports or any activity, like rollerblading or skateboarding, where the potential for

injury to the teeth is likely.

The sportsguard works by absorbing and dissipating the energy generated during impact to the mouth in the event of a blow to the face by cushioning the teeth, tongue and lips. This is possible due to the flexible nature of the material used in its construction.

For children who are still developing, there are “boil and bite” appliances that can be purchased at local sports retailers. Older children with all their adult teeth can have a well-fitting sportsguard made professionally at a dental clinic. Active duty military may have a custom sportsguard made at the base dental clinic.

Construction of a sportsguard is quite simple and requires very little effort or time. First an impression of the upper teeth and gums is made with alginate, a powder-water mixture of mashed potato-like consistency; some refer to it as a mold. From this impression a stone cast is made, which is a replica of the person’s mouth. Then, a square 4x4 sheet of soft plastic is heated until it is soft and vacuum formed over the cast in the exact shape of the teeth and gums. The appliance is allowed to cool, and then trimmed. The process is complete. Other than the impression, every aspect of the construction is done in a dental laboratory.